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SUBJ: MEETING OF SPECIAL COMITE ON WORLD DISARMAMENT
CONFERENCE (WDC)

1. FOLLOWING BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARIAT DIS-
ARMAMENT OFFICIAL AND IRANIAN MISOFF.

2. UNOFFICIAL COMITE ON A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE
(WDC) MET INFORMALLY SEPT. 14 UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP IRANIAN
PERM REP HOVEYDA. HOVEYDA FIRST REPORTED ON HIS CONSULTATIONS
WITH THE FOUR NON-PARTICIPATING NUCLEAR POWERS ON THE POSSI-
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BILITY OF THEIR COOPERATION WITH THE COMITE'S WORK. HE SAID

REGRETTABLY THERE WAS NO POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM ANY OF THE FOUR BUT HE WAS NOT COMPLETELY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE CHANCES OF FUTURE COOPERATION. HOVEYDA DID NOT DISCUSS THE MOST RECENT IRANIAN FORMULA FOR FORMATION OF A NEW COMITE IN WHICH NUCLEAR POWERS WOULD NOT BE DESIGNATED MEMBERS.

3. USSR THEN MADE TWO POINTS FORCEFULLY: (1) THERE IS NO NEED FOR A NEW COMITE OR FOR ANY CHANGE IN THE STATUS IN THE PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE COMITE. IF THE OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE AT ANY TIME IT IS OPEN TO THEM TO DO SO; (2) A REPORT SHOULD BE MADE BY THE PRESENT COMITE TO THE GA.

4. THERE WAS IMMEDIATE OBJECTION BY MEXICO AND OTHERS THAT THE PRESENT COMITE DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE A REPORT, AND A COMPROMISE FORMULA WAS SUGGESTED BY HOVEYDA AND AGREED TO BY ALL UNDER WHICH SYG WOULD MAKE A BRIEF REPORT TO THE GA ON THE PROCEDURAL HISTORY OF THW WDC SPECIAL COMITE MATTER DATING BACK TO LAST YEAR'S GA RES. (SYG'S CONSENT LATER OBTAINED TO THIS.) IN ADDITION, CHAIRMAN HOVEYDA IN HIS CAPACITY AS IRANIAN PERM REP WILL MAKE A STATEMENT WHEN DISARMAMENT IS DISCUSSED BY THE FIRST COMITE SUMMARIZING THE DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMITE AND PERHAPS OBLIQUELY REFERRING TO HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE NON-PARTICIPATING NUCLEARS. THIS STATEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE CIRCULATED BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMITE FOR THEIR APPROVAL.

5. IRANIANS HERE SAY THEY BELIEVE SOVS HARDENED IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO RECENT IRANIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION -- ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE REFRAINED FROM TELLING IRANIANS THEY ARE AGAINST IT -- WHEN THEY SENSED THAT NEITHER US NOR CHINESE APPROVAL FOR IT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AND AFTER ALGIERS NAC APPROVED WDC RESOLUTION DESPITE INTENSE CHINESE LOBBYING AGAINST IT. IRANISNS ALSO SAY THEY THINK CHINESE STILL OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO ANY LARGER DISARMAMENT FORUM BUT COULD STILL BE BROUGHT AROUND BY TIME DISARMAMENT BEFORE FIRST COMITE TO SUPPORT IRANIAN DRAFT.

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